

NORTHEAST ACADEMY ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

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Dear Grade 5 Families,

At this time, we are happy to share with you the details for this year's 5th Grade Promotion which will be conducted outdoors in a drive-through manner on the grounds of Northeast Academy. Promotion is set for Thursday, June 17th and will be rain or shine. We have made the decision to do a drive-through promotion based on updated guidance from the CT DPH and CDC. Please review the bulleted information below which captures the day's plan. It is listed in chronological order so as to give you a clear picture of how the day will proceed.

- Have a 5th grader in strings or band? Plan to arrive and park in the second traffic circle for 9:15. **Please do not come much earlier than that as we need to complete our normal morning arrival which ends at 9:00.** We will begin the day with performances from our 5th grade strings players followed by the 5th grade band! **Wearing your mask and following social distancing guidelines**, find a nice place to stand outdoors in front of the cafeteria. Both groups will perform under the portico starting at 9:25!
- Upon completion of the band's performance, 5V (Volpe) and 5Y (Yetter) parents are asked to leave school grounds. We will begin the drive-through promotion with 5O (O'Connell). Are you a 5O parent whose child isn't in strings or band? You may start to get in line for the drive-through promotion using the first traffic circle (typically the bus circle) beginning at 9:45. **Please do not go past the bike racks on the right. Each family is limited to one car per student.** 5O parents who do have a child in strings or band should vacate their parking spot and head to the top of Oslo Street to get in the car line for promotion.
- Our plan is to begin the drive-through promotion at 10:00 using 45-minute increments per class. One car per student should help us stay on schedule.
 - 10:00 – 5O
 - 10:45 – 5V
 - 11:30 – 5Y
- Students will begin their promotion by viewing a pre-recorded video in their classrooms from building administration. This will also be shared with parents ahead of time.
- An NEA faculty member will wait with each class at the bike rack area and assist one child per time into their family's car before proceeding down the first traffic circle. Building administrators and the classroom teacher will await each student near the main entrance of the school.

- Students are allowed out of the car to receive their promotion materials.
- Parents are welcome to take pictures from the car only at this point.
- Students will return to their family's car, drive through the first traffic circle and head to predetermined, pre-marked photo locations. Please look for large blue and white NEA signs, along with balloon arches, as the place to take family pictures!
- Along with recorded music, Camp Hazen photos from the 5th Grade Class Trip will be played on continuous loop throughout promotion.
- The last class (5Y) will conclude their drive-through procession around 12:15.
- A road block will be put up at the start of the parent pick-up entrance preventing parents from entering the second traffic circle until most of 5Y has left school grounds.
- Once your child's class has been promoted and you've made your way through the procession/picture opportunities, please take your child home with you for the day.
 - If your 5th grader has a younger NEA sibling whom you wish to dismiss earlier as well, please inform your child's teacher and the main office.
- Upon removing the road block between 12:30 and 12:45, promotion ends and NEA will switch to normal dismissal routines.

We thank you in advance for paying close attention to the procedures of this year's promotion and for wearing masks while on school grounds. This is an exciting day for 5th grade students and parents!

Students should wear their blue Class of 2021 t-shirts for promotion day.

Please direct questions to your child's teacher or building administrators.

Thank you.